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HOW THE RATIOS WILL WORK.

Whatever is done in the way of making a new apportionment upon which to base representation in congress in future, it is conceded that Connecticut under the recent census enumeration is destined to hold her full delegation.

The ratios for the election of congressmen in future are yet to be decided upon.

An interesting and rather peculiar political effect will be brought out by the decision as to whether the ratio shall be 336,000 or 340,000. With the Mississippi would make not gain of 2 congressmen to the states east of the Mississippi, gain of one if 340,000 ratio, gain of 15 and the west could gain 14 and the east 11, and could gain 6 in the east one. This difference between the possible additional representation from the west as compared with the east is made significant in view of the fact that the western states are the states where the so-called insurgency is most to be found.

Under the 336,000 ratio, the states of Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Georgia, Montana, Utah and West Virginia would gain one representative each; Massachusetts, Texas, New Jersey, Washington, would gain two each; California and Oklahoma would gain three each; Pennsylvania, four; and New York five; while Iowa, Maine and Missouri would each lose one congressman, the other states retaining the representation which they now have.

With 336,000 as a ratio, the lower house would increase to a membership of 419, a gain of 28 members; Idaho, Minnesota and Rhode Island would remain as they are at present; New York would gain four instead of five; Pennsylvania three instead of four; and Massachusetts one instead of two; and Kentucky, Nebraska and Virginia, would each lose one congressman.

If the ratios were made 336,000, there would be gain in New York of three; California, Washington, one; Oklahoma, each two; New Jersey, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, South Dakota and Minnesota, one each; and Kansas, Wisconsin and Tennessee would each lose one; and Missouri would lose its second member.

If the ratio of 340,000 should be adopted there would be eight fewer members of the house of representatives than is the case at the present time. California, Washington and Oklahoma would gain two congressmen; New York, Oregon, New Jersey, Utah and Montana would gain one, and in addition to those already mentioned as losers, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan, North and South Carolina, Vermont and Mississippi would each lose one.

DR. WILEY TO WED.

The fact that Dr. Wiley, the government's pure-food expert, is a national figure makes the fact that he is booked to wed of national interest. Dr. Wiley is not a young man and is not supposed to be moved by the ardent passion which marks youth. This is what the Baltimore American has to say upon the subject:

Twenty years beyond the age which Dr. Oster gave as the effective age limit and arrived at the years that facious commentator upon things in general marked as good for a quieting dose of poison, the veteran opponent of pure food is looking toward the altar of matrimony.

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Hattie LeBlanc went from her trial to a banquet instead of to prison. The trial left no doubt that Glover invited death by his conduct and finally got him.

It would not be just to the lady or to the doctor to intimate that he may regard his coming nuptials as the dose of poison that Dr. Oster recommended for those arrived at his years, unless it is the poison that will kill the germs of sympathy in the wedded state that have held the doctor in leash for so long.

It is now known why Dr. Wiley bade the people eat their Thanksgiving dinners with no thought of germs. He bade the nation to emancipate itself from the Whiskey terrors, while he willy-nilly and gleefully observed the people doing honor to his own emanicipation from the anti-marriage germ—the germ that produces a delusion and a snare; which is to say, the bachelor state. The country wishes the bride-to-be well, and it does not believe that Dr. Wiley takes his anti-poison prescriptions so seriously as to require that she shall dust the holes in the doughnut she makes in order to keep the germ brigade from using them as the avenues of entrance to the inner man.

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RETURNING GOOD FOR EVIL.

A few people in the country have felt a thrill of surprise to state the effect mildly, because President Taft promoted to the highest judicial office in the land a man known as a democrat, Roman Catholic and an ex-confederate, and following this, The Bulletin notices that the governor of Vermont has appointed his late bitter opponent for the governorship, M. J. Hammon of Peru, to a commission to report on a suitable memorial to the author of "Green Mountain Boys." Both these appointees being capable men, dignity and prudence are given a back seat and they are given high honors because of recognized ability and loyalty to state and government. This practical manifestation of the Christian spirit is commendable, if it does not please every one.

The acts of the governor of Vermont do not please the Bulletin News, and it comments satirically as follows:

"Now if the governor will take opportunity to similarly honor his other two competitors for the nomination, P. C. Fleetwood and J. K. Hatchelder, a striking bit of diplomacy will have been consummated and all pre-convention wounds healed. We commend, for instance, the appointment of Mr. Fleetwood to the honorary position on a commission to determine as to whether the snowfall on the top of Camel's Hump is on the increase, the same to report its findings in 1932. Mr. Hatchelder would be just the man to be pleased with the appointment on a commission to investigate the question as to whether the lake of Quantum pond was becoming more wall-eyed and if so, the remedy, the report to be made to the town fish and game commissioners not later than 1912. Both commissions should serve without pay, of course, and bear their own expenses."

WESTERN OBJECT LESSONS.

The west is by its co-operative work giving the east lessons in despatch and economy. It was not so long ago that Iowa built a river-to-river road with 10,000 farmers co-operating, 220 miles in ten hours. Now a letter to the current issue of the Municipal Journal and Engineer from Coffeyville, Kan., says:

"Fifteen hundred men, with teams and road-making machinery, constructed a modern wagon highway between Coffeyville and Independence, a distance of twenty miles, between the hours of 7 a. m. and sunset, November 25. The road is complete with the exception of oiling. When the Montgomery County Good Roads association was organized a month ago by land owners of the county and business men of Coffeyville, Independence and Cherrycreek, it was decided a thoroughfare should be built to connect the two larger cities. Subscriptions were solicited from land owners and motor car owners and division superintendents were appointed to possess the building of the road. All the preliminary work had been finished before the start was made. Stone and concrete culverts with clay pipe drains had been installed. It is planned to improve every main highway in the county. The road just built will be dragged during the winter and will be oiled in the spring. Oil companies of this section have donated the crude petroleum.

The men of the west have a way of moving quickly when they start.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Red Cross seal is more beautiful in its service than in its design; but keep it u-going.

The dollar donated to give the little children of a poor family a Christmas tree is not a dollar wasted.

The woman in rubber boots and a raincoat joins the usually dry-clothed men in laughing at inclement weather.

The Christmas goods display leaves no doubt that at this season of the year catering to the eye is most profitable.

It was Henry Drummond who asked: "Where is the capacity for Heaven to come from, if it is not developed on earth?"

The luxuriously rich are discovering that trying to cheat Uncle Sam is one of the most mortifying and expensive of tricks.

Happy thought for today: The good husband on December days never ponders about the house, for it is not good form to do so.

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THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

Christmas At Indian Gulch

At its best Indian Gulch was a dreamy sort of a place, and no one, unless compelled by force of circumstances, would live there for a minute. But doubts, misery and gloom did not long abide there, and for the first time in many months most of them were without their guns—for those youthful cowards, added to which were Indians, carders, carders and others, went to make up our lady's party. They were soon found some time and a portion to put on the tree. Denver Jack cleaned up with a few nuggets, while Sweeping Ice for a whole hour forced to drop a few. It was healthy, anyhow. And the boys were all the while laughing.

"Well, after the boys had got their fill of watching and amazement has and ridges lay around on their shoulders and principles, I mean the room. The entire population of the Gulch was there, augmented by a few Indians and cowpunchers from the range. These gave promises of trouble, men with and without a past, drawn out by a hand or the mouth of the roulette wheel and the lure of the cards. At various tables they sat, while back in a far corner, with a few tenderfeet from the east, was Denver Jack, shuffling the same old cards, working the old trick and taking in the old money. "Well," said the boy, "I think the night is over—"

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